റാവുസാഹിബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ : അല്ല; പത്തുരൂപയിൽ പൊയ്ക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്നിടത്തു നിന്നും പണം പിരിവാക്കുന്നതിൽ ആക്ഷേപം കണ്ടപ്പോൾ മാത്രം നിറുത്തിവെക്കുവാൻ പറഞ്ഞതാണ്".

Demand put and carried

Mr. P. A. Muhammad Ashrof *(Cranganur)*: A poll, Sir.

Ayes

1. Mr. K. K. Kannan.
2. Mr. K. S. Panicker.
3. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon.
4. Mr. P. K. Dewer.
5. Mr. K. I. Velayudhan.
6. Mr. K. T. Achuthan.
7. Mr. K. R. Ramakrishnan.
8. Mr. P. Narayana Menon.
9. Mr. Thevanna Gownden.
10. Mr. Natarajan Chettiar.
11. Mr. P. K. Paul.
12. Mr. P. Sankara Menon.
13. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon.
14. Mr. C. S. Panicker.
15. Chowdhuri G. S. Dhara Singh.
16. Mr. M. K. Raja.
17. Mr. P. T. Jacob.
18. Mr. P. Govinda Menon.
19. Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar.
20. Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan.
21. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.
22. Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu.
23. Mr. Paul P. Mampilly.
24. Mr. K. S. Raghavan.
25. Mr. K. Govinda Menon.

Noes

1. Mr. P. A. Muhammad Ashrof.

Mr. President: 25 for and 1 against. The motion is therefore carried and the grant is made.

Demand put and carried

(36) 16-General Administration—1—Huzur Secretariat—Purchase and Repair of Furniture

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 516 under "16-General Administration—1-Huzur Secretariat—Purchase and Repair of Furniture". It is to purchase a few more chairs in the Huzur Secretariat.

Demand put and carried

(37) 16-General Administration—1—Huzur Secretariat—Purchase and Repair of Furniture

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,450 under "16-General Administration—1-Huzur Secretariat—Purchase and Repair of Furniture". The purpose is to purchase a few boxes for carrying confidential records from one officer to another.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: If it is a confidential matter, we may be informed what is the existing system of dealing with confidential papers.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: The files are covered with card-board covers marked 'confidential' and tied up and sent from one officer to another in boxes along with other files. They are put by the Confidential Clerk after getting all the files from the other clerks and then he sends them out to the officers concerned. If he is not present, the key is transferred to another man and therefore it is open to him, and also in the offices of the other officers, the clerk may open and see them. Hereafter, the officers themselves must look into them. Even confidential clerks will not have access. Only confidential papers will be sent in these particular boxes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can we take it, Sir, that no additional officer will be appointed for locking up this paper? *(Laughter)*.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: No intention at present. *(Continued laughter)*.

Demand put and carried

(38) 16-General Admnistration—(viii)—Elections—Establishment

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,553 under "16-General Administration—(viii)—Elections—

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Establishment". During the course of the year a separate department was created charged with the duties of conducting elections to the Legislative Council, Municipal Councils and Panchayats. The Department has already begun to function and the allotment is necessary to meet the expenditure on account of the pay of the staff, allowances and contingencies for the new Department. As the creation of the Department was not contemplated at the time of framing the budget for the current year, no provision has been made for this purpose. Hence additional allotments as detailed in the note are necessary. I request that the same may be granted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, on a point of information, when exactly the staff was appointed, the officers and staff?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* In the month of Kumbham or Meenam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* Was the establishment also sanctioned along with that?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Establishment was not sanctioned completely. Only a portion of it was sanctioned then. The other portion was sanctioned only after the reports were received from the Chief Election Officer saying that such and such establishment is necessary. The Chief Election Officer was asked to suggest as to what should be the nature of the establishment to work the whole scheme. He sent up proposals later and then the full complement was sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When was that establishment sanctioned?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It was somewhere in Edavam or Mithunam.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthy):* Is the Hon'ble Chief Secretary saying that the Reforms Commissioner was appointed only in Kumbham?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I did not say so. The Election Officers appointed under him were appointed in that month or so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What was the idea of appointing Enumerators to enumerate voters originally?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It was only a proposal. One man proposed one thing, another man another. "Permanent enumerators may be appointed," that was one man's proposal. Then it was said, "we can think of it later; for the present we shall try to get it done by the teachers". That is the thing now accepted. It may be given up tomorrow, we are not sure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Who is that gentleman who suggested the appointment of permanent enumerators?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* That is a matter of detail.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Another peace of information. Has the idea of utilising the services of the teachers for this work been accepted?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* They have been asked to do it. If they refuse to do, the matter will be considered. They are not all Government servants. There are aided teachers also. We do not know who is going to accept and who is not going to accept. If a few accept and others do not, we have then to consider what we should do.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has the remuneration for the services of these teachers been settled?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is a one-sided settlement. For every 500 houses, it is Rs. 25.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there any application from any aided school teacher or Government teacher willing to undertake this work?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I want notice. I know a number of applications have come, but I cannot say whether any one is from aided teachers or from government teachers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have you got more than two?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Too much of a detail to answer.

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